

Amendments to the Specification

On Page 1, please replace the paragraph after the sub-heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following amended paragraphs:

This patent application is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 10/031,026, filed on January 14, 2002, which is the U.S. National Stage of PCT International Patent Appln. No. PCT/JP00/04641, filed on July 12, 2000, which has been allowed.

This patent application is also related to U.S. divisional application Serial No. 10/729,437, filed on December 5, 2003, and to U.S. divisional application Serial No. 10/826,479, filed on April 16, 2004.

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached replacement sheets of the drawings include Figs. 23-26. These sheets, which include Figs. 23-26, replace the corresponding sheets of drawings originally filed on December 5, 2003.

Attachments: Replacement sheets (2 sheets)